

I call upon you to join the campaign against the tragedy of teenage alcohol abuse.

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New Ventures for 1983

Our new cover is symbolic of the innovations planned for *Public Health Reports* in 1983. In this issue is the first case study in a series on decision making by the Public Health Service (PHS). In "The Evaluation of Standards for Naturally Occurring Fluorides: an Example of Scientific Due Process," Norman Clark and Stephen Corbin describe the most recent reconsideration by the PHS of water standards for naturally occurring fluorides. The purpose of the case studies is to review the accumulation and interpretation of data, the analysis of information, and the formulation of recommendations that result in PHS policy.

In 1983, a portion of each issue will be devoted to papers and short reports on prevention topics. To supplement these we will publish prevention posters and other health education materials on the inside back cover.

We invite readers to participate in another change—an expanded "Letters to the Editor" section. Responsible comments on the journal's contents and on current concerns in public health are welcome. We ask that comments be limited to 500 words, however. We look forward to hearing from you.

Marian Priest Tebben
Editor

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

ASHTO Endorsement of Nutrition Report Published in this Issue

At its meeting September 8–10, 1982, the Executive Committee of the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials reviewed the policy document entitled "Nutrition Services in State and Local Public Health Agencies." The Executive Committee wholeheartedly endorsed this document. It was the consensus that the work of the Nutrition Project Committee was outstanding and that the resulting document should be widely distributed and publicized within the public health community.

We appreciated the opportunity to cooperate with the Committee in this report.

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